

I obtained my first Amatuer license in 1947(w2wek). At about the same time, I obtained a commercial second class radiotelephone license which was subsequently upgraded to first class. I have maintained my interest in Amatuer radio and currently hold an extra class license(k2it).

Based upon the information provided by ARRL, I have concluded that implementation of BPL will in essence destroy the amatuer radio service.

Amatuer radio is a hobby which requires the investment of considerable time and money to remain proficient and to maintain a functional station. No one will make this sort of an investment if the experience is not enjoyable. The electromagnetic pollution which will be procued by BPL will in essence make operating on the high frequency bands difficult if not impossible.

My current interest in Amatuer radio consists primarily in maintaining a functioning station for use in emergency situations. As communication systems become evermore complicated, they also become more vulnerable to disruption by natural or man-made disasters. It is well established that under these conditions Amatuer radio is a vital communications link. Often, it is the only viable means of communication. If the Amatuer radio service is disrupted, it will be extremely difficult if not impossible to recereate it.

The loss of the Amatuer service will be a very serious loss to our nation.I urge you not to allow BPL in it's present form. It also seem unnecessary since wireless broadband internet access is rapidly becoming the norm.